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1. The following new bridges were opened to traffic in the GDR:

Bridge F 188-B, Archenarm Bridge at Rathenow, on 5 June 1954;
" ABN-B-3, first lane of the Autobahn bridge near Schaepe,
on 15 June 1954;
" ABST-B-22 LIO, second lane of the Autobahn bridge over
a class I road near Alt-Huettendorf, on 2 July;
" ABST-B-20, second lane of an Autobahn bridge over a road near
Alt-Huettendorf, on 2 July 1954;
" F-6-SA-8, a bridge over the Selke River near Hoym, on
15 July 1954. 1

2. The following construction projects were completed on the
days mentioned:

road between Guben and Schlagsdorf, on 25 June 1954;
highway No 182, bypass around Riesa, on 30 June 1954. 2

3. On 1 July 1954, the bridge over the Oder-Spree Canal on the northern
exit of Muellrose was opened to traffic. 3

4. In early July 1954, construction work was being done on the two
eastern piers of the road bridge over the Neisse River near Muskau.
About 15 workers were engaged in planking the piers. No construction
work or preparations for it were observed on the western bank of the river. 4

5. The damage done by floods to GDR roads and bridges has been estimated
at 20 million eastmarks. Bezirke Dresden, Chemnitz, and Gera
suffered the heaviest damage. 5

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1. [redacted] Comment. The bridges mentioned were included in the 1954 bridge construction program. Of the 60 bridges mentioned in this program, 10 were completed by 15 July.
 2. [redacted] Comment. These road construction projects were not included in the official 1954 road construction program, probably because of the small importance of these projects.
 3. [redacted] Comment. Information on the completion of this bridge was transmitted previously. [redacted]
 4. [redacted] Comment. This bridge has been included in the 1954 bridge construction project. The bridge is scheduled to be completed in this year. It is doubted that this target date will be met.
 5. [redacted] Comment. Information on the GDR roads and road bridges which suffered flood damage was transmitted previously. [redacted]
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